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Your story "Blurred View from the Embassy" [Feb. 15] refers to a 1976 report regarding me, purportedly based on documents stolen from the U.S. embassy in Tehran at the time of the hostage seizure. These oft-repeated charges against me as sister of the Shah have never been, nor will they ever be, substantiated, because they are false. The information obtained by the CIA on this and other matters relating to events and conditions in Iran at that time was derived from the mullahs and political opponents of my brother, the Shah. The CIA's blind acceptance of these baseless statements apparently moved the Carter Administration to prepare the way for the eventual downfall of the Shah. Thus occurred one of the sorriest blunders in the history of American foreign policy.

Ashraf Pahlavi
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Princess Ashraf Pahlevi

'If I fight now, who will hear me?'

By Marian Christy
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NEW YORK — Princess Ashraf Pahlevi, the twin sister of the deposed Shah of Iran, is twirling a long cigarette in the slender fingers of her right hand — a cigarette she never lights, a cigarette that is a kind of sophisticated worry bead that brings no comfort.

The princess is, by her own word, "miserable." The dramatic mood expressed in an interview at her residence here is made melodramatic by the high-backed, throne-like seat on which the princess sits. It is a white upholstered chair covered with giant black roses. Unwittingly, it is unhappy symbolism. When the shah ruled Iran, red roses were the country's state flower and signature. Now the roses on which the princess rests are black. So is the princess' mood.

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Princess Ashraf believes that Khomeini is not so much in charge of Iran as he claims to be. She says that Khomeini has built a framework for a Communist regime. She also says that in 1963 Khomeini was the man behind a wave of "riots and fires" in Tehran and that he was condemned to death by the shah. Ironically, a highly placed member of the Islamic clergy made a direct appeal to the shah who gave Khomeini the title "ayatollah" (bishop), which prevented the death sentence. Ayatollahs cannot be put to death in Iran and, as the

princess tells it, "Khomeini was promoted to save his head." Khomeini was then exiled to Paris where he plotted the overthrow of the shah. "If my brother, the shah, was the animal he is painted to be in the press," the princess says, "Khomeini would be dead." She also says that SAVAK, the Iranian secret police, was a "cooperative effort" with the American government and that SAVAK's bosses were trained by the CIA. Why? "To hold the line against Communist infiltration."

Princess Ashraf does not mask her bitterness. It shows on her face and comes in loud and clear in this interview. She abhors the fact that American politicians, particularly President Carter, have disassociated themselves from the shah, the man they had supported for decades. There are clashing views on how much loyalty the United States owes a former ally, Iran. It's obvious that Princess Ashraf thinks the friendship extended is minimal compared to the needs.

Is Henry Kissinger a friend of the shah?

"Friend?" she says, icicles in her voice. "How has Henry Kissinger been helpful to my brother? Oh yes, he spoke of the long-term friendship between the United States and Iran in speeches but he never went to see my brother in the hospital. Nancy Kissinger came once."

Is David Rockefeller a friend of the shah?

"He has helped find schools for the children. And he helped in our traveling plans. But that is it."

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